Assembly elections

71. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether elections were held to West Bengal, Kerala and Jammu and Kashmir State Assemblies recently; and

(b) if so, the number of seats contested; number of seats won, total votes polled, percentage of votes to the total votes polled by each of the political parties; and the independents who contested in these elections State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The required information is yet to be received by the Election Commission and will be laid on the Table of the House when made available by the Commission.

Finalisation of proposals for electoral reforms

72. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether proposals for electoral reforms have since been finalised;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, by when these are likely to be finalised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The proposals for electoral reforms are still in the various stages of consideration. Government propose to take a final view on the various proposals for reform only after consultation with political parties. It is not feasible to indicate at this stage the time by which the proposals could be finalised.

Demand and Supply of Power

73. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of demand and supply of electricity and power in the country during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) how much of it could be wiped out if P/L factor of power houses run by different Electricity Boards is raised by 5 per cent over the previous years; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to improve the P/L factor of Electricity Boards and what are the details of the results achieved therefrom?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) The required information is given in the enclosed Annexure [*See* Appendix CXLII, Annexure No. 2]

(b) As 5 per cent increase in Plant Load Factor of the thermal stations of State Electricity Boards during 1986-87, would have reduced the deficit by about 4 per cent.

(c) The measures taken to improve the performance of thermal stations include periodic field visits by Roving Teams and Task Forces comprising engineers from CEA, BHEL and ILK when specific action plans are drawn up to help the power stations in over-